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SUBJECT: JAN. 29-FEB. 3 VISIT OF EXTAFF MINISTER JAMIESON
TO PRC

1. SUMMARY: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MIN DON JAMIESON AND PARTY WERE IMPRESSED BY PROGRAM LAID ON BY CHINESE DURING JAMIESON'S JAN 29-FEB 3 VISIT TO PRC. RED CARPET TREATMENT WENT WELL BEYOND CANADIAN EXPECTATIONS AS JAMIESON MET AT LENGTH WITH FM HUANG HUA, FOR AN HOUR WITH FOREIGN TRADE MIN LI CH'ANG, AND LONGER (2 HOURS) THAN ANTICIPATED WITH CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG. CANADIANS FOUND CHINESE LEADERS TO BE MORE OPEN THAN PREVIOUSLY
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AND GENERALLY WELL-BRIEFED ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. VISIT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, IN CANADIAN VIEW, AND IS LIKELY TO BE FOLLOWED BY HIGH-LEVEL VISIT TO CANADA, PROBABLY AT VICE PREMIER LEVEL. END SUMMARY.

2. JACK WHITTLETON, DIRECTOR OF NORTHEAST ASIAN AFFAIRS DIV. IN MIN. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF), GAVE EMBOFF

FOLLOWING BRIEFING ON JAN. 29-FEB. 3 VISIT OF EXTAFF
MIN DON JAMIESON TO PRC. WHITTLETON WAS A NOTE-TAKER
DURING VISIT AND WILL PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH A COPY OF
HIS NOTES OF JAMIESON CONVERSATION WITH CHAIRMAN HUA
KUO-FENG AS SOON AS HE HAS CLEAN COPY.

3. ATMOSPHERE: "IF THEY WANTED TO IMPRESS US, THEY DID"
WHITTLETON NOTED. CHINESE GAVE CANADIAN VISITORS RED
CARPET TREATMENT WELL BEYOND EXPECTATIONS, AND SUBSTANTIVE
ASPECTS WERE NEARLY AS IMPRESSIVE AS ELABORATE
-----ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. JAMIESON HAD TWO
MEETINGS LASTING 5 HOURS WITH FM HUANG HAU AND ANOTHER 8
HOURS WITH HIM AT SOCIAL EVENTS. HE HAD A MEETING OF 1
HOUR WITH FOREIGN TRADE MIN LI CH'ANG AND, AS NOTED
ABOVE, A MEETING (ABOUT 2 HOURS) WITH CHAIRMAN HUA.

4. CANADIANS WERE STRUCK BY CHINESE LEADERS' OPENNESS
AND WELL-INFORMED WORLD VIEWS. HUA WAS, FOR EXAMPLE,
"VERY RELAXED AND VERY OPEN." LEADERS EXPRESSED RESOLVE
TO MODERNIZE ECONOMY BY YEAR 2000 AND SHOWED RECEPTIVITY
TO FOREIGN TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.
AT SAME TIME, THEY MADE IT CLEAR THEY WERE LOOKING FOR
BEST PRODUCT FROM THE MOST COMPETITIVE SUPPLIERS, E.G.
LI CH'ANG NOTED THAT JAPANESE WERE TRYING TO SELL COAL
MINING EQUIPMENT WHICH HAD A GOOD PRICE BUT WHICH WAS
OUTDATED.
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5. BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS: DISCUSSIONS OF BILATERAL
ISSUES DID NOT ACHIEVE ANYTHING REMARKABLE BUT WERE
"UPBEAT" ON THE TRADE SIDE AND ACCOMPLISHED CANADIAN
AIM OF DRAWING OUT CHINESE FROM POSTURE, DURING PREVIOUS
ENCOUNTERS, OF EVASIVENESS AND UNWILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS
NITTY-GRITTY. HALF-DOZEN BUSINESSMEN ACCOMPANYING
JAMIESON WERE, FOR EXAMPLE, IMPRESSED BY CHINESE WILLING-
NESS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES.
CHINESE MADE IT CLEAR THEY WERE LOOKING TO INDUSTRIALIZED
WORLD FOR HELP AND WERE INTERESTED IN HOW CANADA MIGHT
FIT INTO THIS. THEY DID NOT DETRACT FROM POSITIVE TONE
BY RAISING GOC TEXTILE IMPORT RESTRAINTS, ONLY SERIOUS
BILATERAL PROBLEM BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

6. CHINESE OFFICIALS LISTENED AND MADE RIGHT NOISES
IN RESPONSE TO JAMIESON'S CALL FOR SMALLER BUT MORE
EFFECTIVE TRADE AND SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS, MORE UN-
RESTRICTED TRAVEL FOR CANADIAN JOURNALISTS, AND MORE
SPEED AND LESS PAPER-WORK IN FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES.
IN LAST REGARD, WHITTLETON NOTED CHINESE APPARENTLY
HAVE A DE FACTO QUOTA OF ABOUT 900 CASES A YEAR. HE

ADDED THAT ONLY TIME WILL TELL WHETHER CHINESE WILL
ACTUALLY MOVE IN RESPONSE TO JAMIESON'S VARIOUS REQUESTS.

7. FM HUANG HUA ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES: ASIA: HUANG
HUA DEVOTED MOST ATTENTION TO ASIAN ISSUES IN CONTRAST
TO NEARLY IGNORING SUBJECT DURING HIS OCT. VISIT TO
CANADA. HE DESCRIBED THE GENERAL SITUATION IN THE AREA
AS GOOD. THE JAPANESE, HE SAID, FACE A REAL THREAT
FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND, ALTHOUGH PRC OPPOSES PRESENCE
OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN ASIAN COUNTRIES (HE WAS LATER
ADAMANT ON REMOVAL OF TROOPS FROM KOREA), PRC UNDER-

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STANDS JAPANESE NEED FOR A STRONG ALLIANCE WITH THE U.S.
JAPANESE REFUSAL TO ACCEPT ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE IN
PEACE AND FIRENDSHIP TREATY WAS "A RETREAT WHICH PRC
CANNOT ACCEPT," BUT HUANG HUA INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD
PRESSURES SOVIETS WERE BRINGING TO BEAR REGARDING
NORTHERN FISHING ZONES. EMBASSY NOTE: WHITTLETON SAID
INEVITABILITY OF SUPERPOWER CONFLICT WAS A THEME OFTEN
PLAYED BUT NOT AS PROMINENTLY AS IN EARLIER TALKS.

SOVIET UNION, HOWEVER, RECEIVED STRONG CRITICAL ATTENTION. CHAIRMAN HUA, FOR EXAMPLE, SAID, "THE SOVIET UNION IS BEHIND ALL PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD FROM A TO Z, ANGOLA TO ZAIRE." END EMBASSY NOTE.

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8. KOREA: HUANG HUA WAS "VERY INFLEXIBLE" ON THIS SUBJECT. HE ASSERTED THAT KOREAN QUESTION MUST BE SETTLED BY KOREAN PEOPLE WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. ALL FOREIGN TROOPS AND UN COMMAND MUST BE REMOVED. PRC, HE SAID, IS OPPOSED TO ADMISSION OF 2 KOREAS TO UN AND PRC WILL HAVE NO CONTACT WITH THE ROK. U.S. AND NOT NORTH KOREA IS ROOT CAUSE OF PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO HUANG HUA. IN WHITTLETON'S OPINION, ONLY EXCEPTION TO STRIDENCY WAS HUANG HUA'S SUPPORT FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE.

9. SOUTHEAST ASIA: PRC SUPPORTS THE ASEAN PROPOSAL FOR PEACE AND NEUTRALITY AND IS TRYING TO DEVELOP BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES. CHINA IS WILLING TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA AT ANY TIME. FOREIGN TRADE MIN LI CH'ANG PLANS A VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES, ACCORDING TO HUANG HUA.

10. INDOCHINA: HUANG HUA DID NOT MENTION MUCH THAT WAS NEW, ACCORDING TO WHITTLETON. PRC DOES NOT SEE MEDIATION AS SOLUTION TO VIETNAM/CAMBODIA DIFFERENCES BUT FAVORS, RATHER, WITHDRAWAL TO PRE-FIGHTING BORDERS AND ADHERENCE TO THE "5 PRINCIPLES OF BANDUNG." AS WITH SO MUCH ELSE, HUANG HUA SAW THE HEAVY HAND OF THE USSR BEHIND THIS CONFLICT.

11. MIDDLE EAST: HUANG HUA STUCK CLOSE TO STANDARD PRO-ARAB PRC LINE BUT HE DID NOTE THAT U.S. POSITION HAD BECOME MORE EVEN-HANDED OF LATE.

12. EUROPE: JAMIESON'S STATEMENT OF CANADA'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO NATO WAS WELCOMED BY HUANG HAU WHO NOTED THAT A STRONG, UNITED EUROPE IS IN BEST INTERESTS OF
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BOTH THE U.S. AND CANADA.

13. UNSSOD: PRC REMAINS SKEPTICAL BUT HUANG HUA SEEMED INTERESTED IN JAMIESON'S VIEWS OUTLINING

IMPORTANCE OF AT LEAST SOME SUCCESS OF SESSION. HUANG HUA ASKED FOR SUBSEQUENT ELABORATION OF CANADIAN VIEWS (GOC WILL PROVIDE) AND WAS SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN GOC VIEWS ON RECENT FRENCH PROPOSALS.

14. PRC WILL, ACCORDING TO HUANG HUA, CONTINUE NUCLEAR TESTING BUT WILL NOT ENCOURAGE NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. IN LATTER REGARD, HE MENTIONED 1976 LIBYAN ATOMIC BOMB REQUEST WHICH PRC TURNED DOWN.

15. CANADIANS GOT IMPRESSION FROM HUANG HUA AND OTHERS THAT CHINESE ARE INTERESTED IN SENDING A SENIOR OFFICIAL TO CANADA, PROBABLY AT VICE PREMIER LEVEL. GOC HOPES FOR TENG HSIAO-P'ING, WHITTLETON SAID, BUT HAS NO IDEA WHO MIGHT COME OR WHEN.

16. SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW WITH NOTES ON JAMIESON/HUA KUO-FENG MEETING.
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